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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action of May 18, 2006, Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.